

# House Amendment 1724

PAG LIN

1 1 Amend the amendment, H=1718, to House File 820, as  
1 2 follows:  
1 3 #1. Page 6, by inserting after line 40 the  
1 4 following:  
1 5 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT  
1 6 OF 2009 == ALLOCATION FOR INFANT AND TODDLER CARE  
1 7 QUALITY.  
1 8 1. Of the moneys appropriated from the additional  
1 9 funding allocated under the federal American Recovery  
1 10 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the federal child  
1 11 care and development block grant to the department of  
1 12 human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
1 13 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, that are federally  
1 14 designated for activities that improve the quality of  
1 15 infant and toddler care, \$2,365,556 is transferred to  
1 16 the early childhood programs grant account in the Iowa  
1 17 empowerment fund and shall be used in accordance with  
1 18 this section for a program through community  
1 19 empowerment areas for supporting low-income families  
1 20 in securing high-quality child care.  
1 21 2. The funds transferred pursuant to this section  
1 22 shall be distributed to community empowerment areas by  
1 23 applying the formula for the early childhood program  
1 24 grant account in section 28.9, subsection 4, paragraph  
1 25 "b". Notwithstanding section 8.33, the funds shall be  
1 26 available for expenditure by community empowerment  
1 27 areas in accordance with this section for the fiscal  
1 28 year beginning July 1, 2009, and the succeeding fiscal  
1 29 year.  
1 30 3. For the purposes of this subsection, "federal  
1 31 poverty level" means the poverty level defined by the  
1 32 most recently revised poverty income guidelines  
1 33 published by the United States department of health  
1 34 and human services. The program shall provide  
1 35 financial assistance to families with infants and  
1 36 toddlers less than age two that have a family income  
1 37 of more than 145 percent but not more than 185 percent  
1 38 of the federal poverty level. However, the department  
1 39 may adjust the qualifying criteria or the financial  
1 40 assistance purpose provisions specified in this  
1 41 subsection as necessary for implementation to conform  
1 42 with federal requirements for the funding. The  
1 43 financial assistance shall be for any of the following  
1 44 purposes:  
1 45 a. For making temporary payments to qualifying  
1 46 families whose members are recently unemployed and  
1 47 seeking work to use in meeting immediate family needs.  
1 48 b. For providing sliding scale subsidies for  
1 49 qualifying families for child care provided to the  
1 50 families' infants and toddlers by providers who are  
2 1 accredited by the national association for the  
2 2 education of young children or the national  
2 3 association for family child care, or who have a  
2 4 rating at level 3 or higher under the child care  
2 5 quality rating system implemented pursuant to section  
2 6 237A.30.>  
2 7 #2. By renumbering as necessary.  
2 8  
2 9  
2 10  
2 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 11 PETERSEN of Polk  
2 12 HF 820.702 83  
2 13 jp/tm/23596